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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles—LAX Shooter Sentenced to Life in Prison

(U) The man who shot and killed a federal airport security screener and injured three others in a 2013 rampage at the Los Angeles International Airport was sentenced to life plus sixty years in prison without parole as part of a plea deal that spared him the possibility of the death penalty. Paul Anthony Ciancia, 26, had pleaded guilty earlier this year to the murder of Transportation Security Administration officer Gerardo Hernandez and ten other criminal counts. According to news reports, Ciancia expressed no remorse for the shootings and left no doubt that his actions were premeditated.

SOURCE: 7 November 2016, NPR

(U) San Diego—Woman Arrested for Hiding 44 Undocumented Immigrants

(U) A City Heights resident was arrested and charged with harboring and hiding 44 undocumented immigrants, some of whom reported that they were locked in a small backyard shed with dozens of others, the US Attorney's Office announced yesterday. According to a complaint filed in federal court, the San Diego Police Department received calls from neighbors who were concerned about two vehicles dropping off multiple individuals who then nervously and hurriedly entered the home. Prosecutors said seven people arrested remained in custody as material witnesses, with the rest in custody of immigration authorities pending immigration proceedings.

SOURCE: 7 November 2016, CBS 8 San Diego

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois—Accused UK 'Flash Crash' Trader Extradited to Face US Charges

(U) Chicago—A London-based trader has been extradited to the United States to face federal charges related to his alleged role in the 2010 Wall Street "flash crash," the US Justice Department said this morning. Navinder Sarao, 37, who traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) from his parents' home near London's Heathrow Airport, is scheduled to appear in federal court in Chicago tomorrow. He is accused of using a modified computer program to "spoof" markets by generating large sell orders that pushed down prices, then canceling the trades and buying the contracts at the lower prices, making a roughly \$40 million profit.

SOURCE: 8 November 2016, Reuters

(U) New York—Officials Ramp Up Security for Election Day

(U) New York City—Carlos Gomez, the NYPD's chief of department, said the city is planning to deploy more police today than on any previous Election Day, "more than double than our previous high," due in part to both major-party presidential nominees being in the city on election night. More than 5,000 officers will work today, with police at each of the city's 1,200 polling places, according to Mayor Bill de Blasio. NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said police are "constantly monitoring" for terrorist threats but have found "nothing specific, nothing credible," and NYPD's deputy commissioner of intelligence and counterterrorism addressed alleged ISIL threats around the election but dismissed them as par for the course.

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SOURCE: 7 November 2016, ABC News

(U) Ohio—Columbus Man Arrested While Allegedly Trying to Join ISIL

(U) Columbus—A federal prosecutor says an Ohio man accused of trying to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has been arrested while attempting to fly to Libya. According to the federal complaint, Aaron Daniels purchased an airline ticket on 5 November to travel from Columbus to Trinidad and Tobago before heading to Libya to allegedly join ISIL. He was arrested when he arrived at the airport yesterday, admitting after his arrest that he was attempting to fly overseas to join jihad. Daniels' bond hearing is scheduled for 10 November.

SOURCE: 7 November 2016, CBS News

(U) Oregon—Man Pleads Guilty to Threatening POTUS, FBI agents

(U) Medford—The US attorney for the district of Oregon says a local man has pleaded guilty in federal court to threatening to kill President Barack Obama, threatening to shoot FBI agents, and possession of an unregistered explosive device. John Martin Roos, 62, admitted in court to using racially inflammatory language in social media posts in which he threatened to kill Obama and to "snipe" FBI agents "with hunting rifles." The arresting agent found a loaded semi-automatic pistol underneath the floor mat on the driver side, and a search of Roos' apartment uncovered more firearms and several pipe bombs. SOURCE: 7 November 2016, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France—Investigators Identify Suspected Coordinator of Paris, Brussels Attacks

(U) Berlin—Investigators have identified the suspected coordinator of the Paris and Brussels terror attacks as Oussama Atar, according to a French intelligence source. The 32-year-old Atar, also known as Abu Ahmad, is a cousin of the El Bakraoui brothers who blew themselves up in the Brussels Airport and metro attacks in March. The source said that investigators found proof on the laptop of one of the Bakraoui brothers. Two suspects in the attacks, Mohamed Abrini and Salah Abdeslam, have since been arrested, with Atar still at large.

SOURCE: 8 November 2016, CNN

(U) Germany—Five ISIL Suspects Arrested in Germany

(U) Berlin—German authorities arrested five men today who allegedly aided the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group in Germany by recruiting members and providing financial and logistical help. The arrests were made in a series of raids in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the northern state of Lower Saxony, according to prosecutors. The five men arrested are suspected of recruiting young Muslims in Germany, and raising funds to send them to Syria to join ISIL. The suspects will be brought before a judge later today and tomorrow.

SOURCE: 8 November 2016, Associated Press

(U) Iraq—ISIL Abducts More than 200 Near Mosul, Retreats with Thousands

(U) Mosul—ISIL fighters abducted 295 former Iraqi Security Forces members near the militant stronghold of Mosul and also forced 1,500 families to retreat with them from Hammam al Alil town, the United Nations human rights organization said today. The abductions took place last week as Iraqi government forces, Kurdish peshmerga and Shi'ite militias backed by US-led air strikes pushed an offensive to recapture the city from ISIL. Ravina Shamdasani, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said that the fates of the abducted are currently unknown. SOURCE: 8 November 2016, Reuters

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(U) United Kingdom—Cyber Heist Hits 20,000 Tesco Bank Accounts

(U) London—Tesco Bank, owned by Britain's biggest retailer Tesco, halted online transactions from all current accounts yesterday after money was stolen from 20,000 of them in the country's first such cyber heist. Tesco Bank's Chief Executive told the media he thought "relatively small amounts" had been stolen, but the bank declined to give details of how much money in total had been taken or if it knew how the thefts had transpired. In a statement late yesterday, the bank said it had begun refunding all affected customer accounts and expected to complete the process by the end of today. SOURCE: 7 November 2016, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona—Border Agents Foil Attempts to Smuggle Meth in Tortilla Shells

(U) Nogales—US Customs and Border Protection officers stationed at the Nogales border crossing earlier this week discovered a 62-year-old man smuggling close to three pounds of methamphetamine in a package of tortillas the man was carrying. The packages of tortillas, which a narcotics-detection dog had alerted on, had been hollowed out and filled with the narcotics. The day prior, border authorities had found 88 pounds of meth, valued at \$1.8 million, in a tractor hidden among carrot shipments. SOURCE: 7 November 2016, Fox 32 Chicago

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